ANNOUNCING

White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Adam's Mark Hotel Fourth and Chestnut Streets St. Louis, MO 63102

On Tuesday, September 14, the White House and the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education and the Agency for International Development will host a conference in St. Louis to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The Federal government is working to make sure that faith-based and community groups can compete on an equal footing for Federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbci.gov to register online. We strongly encourage you to register online. If you are unable to register online, please call 202-456-6718 to have a registration form faxed to you. Please register by Friday, September 3. If you must cancel your registration, please send an email to bci@dtihq.com or a fax to one of the numbers listed above so we may accommodate as many people as possible.

The conference is part of a series of regional conferences that are being held around the country. These conferences will provide participants with information about Federal programs that are suited to their needs, the Federal funding process, and the legal requirements that may apply to recipients of Federal funds. They will also offer practical information on the grant-writing process, share successful practices from other organizations, and facilitate opportunities to network with government officials.

The conference will offer two workshop tracks: Government Resources and Successful Partnerships. Both tracks have six sessions. Conference attendees can

participate in both tracks, but must choose their first and second session choice because the workshops fill up. Visit the conference section of www.fbci.gov to learn more about the conference workshops.

For more information, please call 202-456-6718, send an email to fbci@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbci.gov.

We very much hope you will be able to join us in St. Louis.